

DRAFT

Pipeline Committee Meeting June 7, 2007

Attendance: Richard Barton, Rick Daniel, Nancy Dimmick, Len Freeman, Kay Ogrodnik, Walter Norton, Selectman Haible. Also attending were Robyn Saunders and Keith Rudman of GZA and Leon Ogrodnick.

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM

Reviewed the minutes of May 15, 2007 and motion was made to accept these. Following a second the minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business:

Navy Activity. Len summarized the May 16th e-mail from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) responding to the Navy's request that the pipes be removed. It revealed GZA GeoEnvironmental Engineering, Inc., of Portland, was awarded a contract to conduct a pipeline survey and engineering cost estimate for removal of the pipeline. Len cautioned that while this is very encouraging news it does not indicate that DLA has decided to remove the pipes.

GZA Pipeline Survey. Robyn Saunders, GZA Project Manager, and Keith Rudman, Project Geologist, provided information on their contract with DLA and their plans for the survey. They will assess the feasibility and cost of removing the pipes.

(1) Project schedule: Field activities will start the week of June 18. They will start at Mitchell Field and move north along the pipeline. They hope to survey approximately 2 miles per day and anticipate that the initial survey will be done by month end. However, they will return in early July to selected locations to estimate the depth of the pipes below ground surface.

(2) Project staff: The survey is a two-person effort. Keith Rudman will consistently be one of the field people. The second person may vary. However, both field staff will keep business cards and proper identification. Field staff will also carry copies of the Town's letter to present to "pipeline neighbors" in the event that they hadn't received the letter prior to the arrival of the GZA crew.

(3) Letter to Abutters: On June 11 or 12, GZA will be sending a letter to the list of abutters that was provided by the Town.

(4) Disruption to Property: The field work associated with this initial survey will be non-intrusive (e.g., minimal ground disturbance). However, the survey will include identifying areas that may require clearing for pipeline access and removal (e.g., staging areas for equipment, materials, etc.) or other areas that may require logistical considerations (e.g., highway/roadway opening permit, stream/wetland crossings).

DRAFT

(5) Site Restoration following Pipeline Removal: The committee members raised the question of the level of restoration following pipeline removal. Although the cost estimate for pipeline removal will include restoration of roadways (and perhaps driveways) and soil stabilization from erosion/sedimentation runoff, it is not certain what the Navy's course of action will be at this time. It is probably not likely that gardens, stonewalls and other structures/features that may be encroaching upon the easement will be restored.

(6) Final Report: A final report is anticipated by month end in August and the Town will receive a copy.

The committee suggested that their assessment consider the need for emergency vehicles to traverse roads that may be cut while pipes are being removed.

Update of Mission statement. The Selectmen adopted the mission statement as proposed by the committee.

New Business

Letter to easement holders. The committee considered a draft letter for the town to send to owners along the right of way. The draft was modified to reflect information provided by GZA. Following discussion it was moved and seconded to recommend the town send the letter to owners and abutters along the pipeline route. The motion passed and the letter is made a part of these minutes and attached hereto.

Letter from Town Attorney. The letter from the Town attorney cautioning on the use of e-mail in the conduct of committee business was discussed. The committee has used e-mail to call meetings, circulate documents in preparation for meetings, and provide tentative agendas. The committee is confident that no business has been conducted outside regular, announced meetings.

The next meeting will be at the call of the co- chairs.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Attachment: Letter to Pipeline Property Holders and Abutters

DRAFT

The Pipeline Committee voted to recommend the following for distribution by the town.

To: Pipeline Property Holders and Abutters.

Subject: Status of Pipeline Removal

The pipeline that runs up Harpswell Neck to the Brunswick Naval Air Station was an unresolved issue when the former fuel depot (now Mitchell Field) was turned over to the Town in 2001. Responding to the 2006 Town Meeting sentiment of returning pipeline easements to property owners without incurring liability for the Town, the Pipeline Easement Advisory Committee was established. Since then the Selectmen and the Committee have been working to have the pipes removed and the easements returned.

With the assistance of our Congressional delegation we have been in contact with the Navy and we are happy to report that we received an encouraging response. They believe removal of the pipeline is necessary and they have requested the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) remove the pipes. The DLA, in turn, has awarded a contract to GZA GeoEnvironmental Engineering, Inc., of Portland, to conduct a pipeline survey and engineering cost estimate for removal of the pipeline.

As part of that effort, GZA will conduct a reconnaissance along the pipeline route. They will do field observations of current surface conditions, gather physical and photographic site features to include driveways, roadways, utility crossings, streams, estuaries and wet areas, obstructions or temporary and/or permanent structures (e.g., fences, vehicles, solid waste, sheds, buildings, etc.) and hazards along the way.

We are writing you because the GZA survey will start about June 18, 2007 and you may observe the survey team as they travel across the easement area. Each member of the survey team will be a GZA employee and will carry proper identification. They will be gathering data essential to our goal of having the pipeline removed, the land restored and the easements returned to the land owners. GZA may need to revisit selected sites for additional data. The town expects to receive the survey report in August.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 833-5771.